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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on August 13, 2004, please amend the application by entering the claim listing which begins on page 2 of this paper and reconsider the application in view of these amendments, the following remarks, and the enclosed supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith. This extends the period permitted for response by 3 months, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), so that it will expire on February 13, 2005.